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On September 17th, 1926. I tried to locate Merle McAllister by getting my information from the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and they informed me that the Belleau-Wood Post was associated with them about three years ago but since have severed their relations and there is nobody there that could give me any information as to their whereabouts at the present time. They think the Belleau-Wood Post has changed there name and were meeting occassionally at the Pennsylvania Hotel.

I tried the office of the U.S. Marines again and the information secured there is that the Belleau-Wood Post has changed their name to the Belleau Club and are located somewhere on Eighth Avenue, but if I would get in touch with a Mr. Berry who is an officer of the said post he might give me the necessary information. They informed me that he works for the Filene Company at 1440 Broadway. Got in touch with the Filene Company but was informed that Mr. Berry was in Boston and was expected back Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week.

Then got in touch with Robert E. Walsh of 360 East 195th St. who was the armorer at the time Jane Gibson and her mule were on exhibition at the 104th Field Artillery ~~Armory~~ and he stated as follows:-that if I wanted any information regarding the affair held at that time it would be best for me to secure same from the armory. He then informed me that he had some recollection of a woman and her mule on exhibition there, but if I spoke to Mr. McAllister or Mr. Romeyn P. Benjamin they could give me all the information I wanted, as they were in charge of the affair. He further informed me that they are still looking for McAllister on account of the said affair. The impression I gathered was that there was some fraud about the show. He could not give me any information as to Mr. Benjamin's whereabouts.